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Work and Workers

SINCE the recent death of Professor Pfeiderer, who held the chair of the philosophy of religion in Berlin University, strenuous efforts have been made by friends and adherents of the comparatively new science of comparative religion to secure recognition of that science in the appointment of Professor Pfeiderer's successor. The task was difficult because comparative religion encountered so many prejudices on the part of previously established departments, and because as yet no German university had recognized the subject by the appointment of a professor to lecture upon it. Even the famous historian Professor Harnack, of the Berlin faculty, was at first opposed to such an appointment. But with his characteristic open-mindedness he ultimately, as a result of the educational campaign that was inaugurated, came to see the necessity of such an appointment, and co-operated heartily with those seeking to obtain it. At last the government consented to it, and after a careful canvass of available candidates, the appointment of Professor Pfeiderer's chair was given to Dr. Lehmann of the philosophical faculty in the Danish University at Copenhagen. Dr. Lehmann is already well known in the world of scholarship through his publications, and has taken large editorial responsibilities in connection with two important series of publications. His classes in Berlin are said to be gratifyingly large. Mr. Louis H. Jordan, himself probably the best known English student of comparative religion, gives a full and interesting account of the movement which has resulted in the establishment of this important precedent by the University of Berlin, in the *Expository Times* for February, 1911.

To the recent important volume on *The Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem*, Martin Sprengling, fellow in the University of Chicago, 1907-10, contributes fresh copies of the numerous inscriptions of that ancient basilica, of which he made a special study while a member of the American School at Jerusalem, in 1909. Full acknowledgment is made by the editors of Mr. Sprengling's texts, and of certain translations which he made of texts connected with the building. The monograph is published at London by the Byzantine Research Fund.

A FACSIMILE edition of the famous 42-line Gutenberg Bible, printed at Mainz 1450-55, is being issued by Hubert Welter, of Paris and Leip-

zig. The copy in the Royal Library at Munich has been selected for reproduction. M. Seymour de Ricci will provide the critical introduction. The subscription price is 500 marks. This Latin Bible is the earliest (undated) specimen of Johann Gutenberg's printing, and is the first considerable work printed by the use of movable types. It is sometimes called the Mazarin Bible. There are said to be only some forty copies of the original work in existence.

ON February 16 occurred the death of Rev. Charles M. Mead at the age of seventy-five. Dr. Mead was probably best known as a member of the American Committee on the Revision of the English Bible. He began his professional career as professor of Hebrew in Andover Theological Seminary, a position which he held from 1866 to 1882. The decade from 1882 to 1892 was spent in Germany. Upon his return from Germany, he became professor of Christian theology in Hartford Theological Seminary, where he remained until 1898. Thereupon he took up the task of seeing the American Standard Edition of the Old Testament through the press. He carried the entire responsibility for the reading of the proof of this edition. His best-known works probably were his *Commentary on Exodus*, in Lange's series (1876), *The Soul Here and Hereafter* (1879), *Supernatural Revelation* (1899), *Christ and Criticism* (1893).

THE centennial of the founding of American Baptist Foreign Missions occurs this year. Adoniram Judson landed in Burma in July, 1813. The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, which afterward undertook his support, was established in May, 1814. This society will hold a public meeting in honor of the centennial at Rochester, N.Y., on the evening of March 16 of this year. At this meeting addresses will be given by President E. B. Bryan, D.D., of Colgate Theological Seminary, Rev. Edward Judson, D.D., of the Judson Memorial Church, New York City, who is a son of Dr. Adoniram Judson, Rev. B. L. Whitman, of Seattle, and Rev. H. E. Fosdick, of Montclair, N.J. This is an occasion which should be interesting to Christians of whatever name in view of the fact that Adoniram Judson was the first representative of American Christianity on the foreign field.

THE Authorized Version of the English Bible this year celebrates its tercentenary. The occasion will be quite generally observed throughout the English-speaking world. In view of this fact the April issue of the *Biblical World* will be devoted almost entirely to articles relating to the English Bible in general, and the version of 1611 in particular.